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# Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

GLENN ET AL.

Examiner

DARYL C. POPE

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## Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 February 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 10, 13-15, 21, 26-29, 35 and 36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 10, 13-15, 21, 26-29, 35 and 36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### DETAILED ACTION

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

### **ART REJECTION:**

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. Claims 1-5,10,13-15,21,26-29, and 35-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Grube et al(Grube) in view of Lauber et al(Lauber) as applied to claims 1-5,10,13-15,21,26-29, and 35-36 in the previous Office Action, and further in view of Wade et al(5,552,776).

-- With regards to claim 1, Grube in view of Lauber do not teach a control board including a microprocessor and a plurality of serial communication ports, one of which providing a link to a remote sensor. Use of control boards including a microprocessor and a plurality of serial communication ports is well known in the art.

In related art, Wade et al(Wade) discloses a system of remote monitoring of devices wherein a microprocessor controller(921) of control board(910), includes one or more serial communication ports(943) which allow communication with various existing computer devices/environmental sensors(see: column 15, lines 29-58; claim 24). Since use of the above stated devices are well known as taught by Wade, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the control board, microprocessor, and communication ports of Wade into the system of Grube in view of Lauber, since this would have facilitated transmission/reception for purpose of monitoring the computer devices in the system by

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allowing faster communication between in the computer devices and the microprocessor.

**REMARKS:**

***Response to Arguments***

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-5,10,13-15,21,26-29, and 35-36 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

***Conclusion***

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DARYL C. POPE whose telephone number is 571-272-2959. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH 9:00-7:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, DANIEL WU can be reached on 571-272-2964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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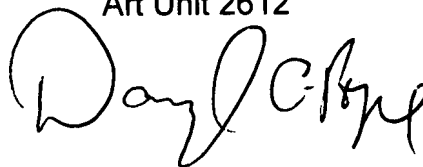
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Primary Examiner

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daryl C. Pope". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a stylized "Pope".